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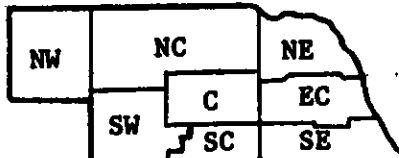
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## WEATHER

The week was cool and mostly dry with only light amounts of rainfall which were generally less than a tenth of an inch. Average temperatures ranged from one degree above normal to four degrees below normal.

## GENERAL

Excellent weather across the State allowed row crop harvesting to continue at a rapid pace, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The main activities besides harvest consisted of fall tillage, allowing cattle to graze cornstalks, and scouting wheat fields for Russian wheat aphids in the west. Sugar beet harvest was well under way in western counties, as producers were pleased with the sugar content and tonnages being harvested. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.7.

Topsoil moisture level rated 50% short and 50% adequate. Subsoil moisture levels rated 67% short and 33% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture level rated 68% short and 32% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 32% short and 68% adequate last year.

## CROPS

Corn harvest progress remained well ahead of normal across the State and was rated 80% complete, compared to 72% last year and 50% average. Corn harvest progressed to 16 days ahead of average. Many producers in the eastern one-third were completing harvest and beginning to

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store equipment. Western producers were nearing the one-half completed mark last week.

Soybean harvest was nearing completion at 95% complete, equal to last year and ahead of the 65% average. Only a few of the central and northern counties had soybean fields left to harvest.

Sorghum harvest was about 17 days ahead of average progress. Harvest was 90% complete, compared to 83% last year and 57% average. Areas in the southwest were just getting into full swing this past week. Most other southern and eastern areas were virtually completed last week. Many elevators had grain piled on the ground due to the fast-moving harvest.

Winter wheat condition rated 24% fair and 76% good. Western producers are beginning to scout for possible infestation of Russian wheat aphids. More moisture would improve conditions on the existing crop. Some spraying for armyworm infestations was reported by southeastern producers.

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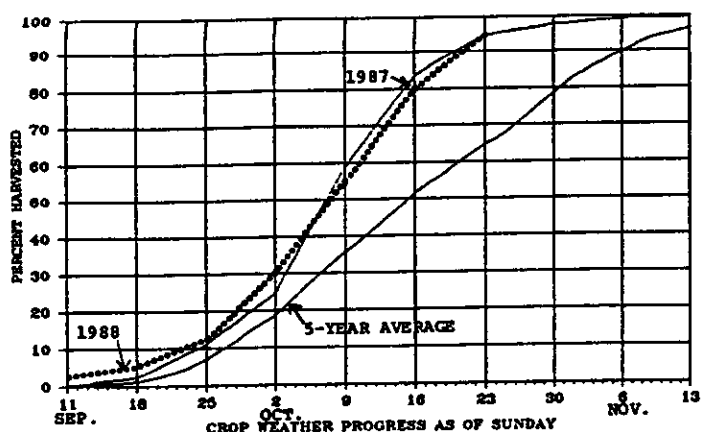
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 4% very short, 36% short and 60% adequate. As corn harvest was being completed, more producers were allowing their cattle to enter the stalks. Hay supplies look good to hold up through the winter. Calves were being worked and cows tested for pregnancy.

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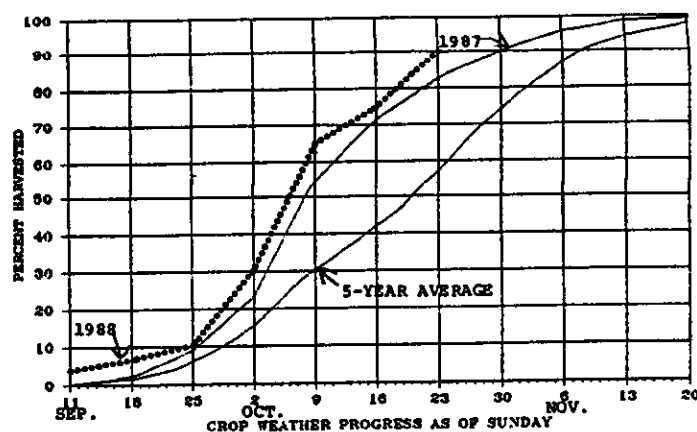
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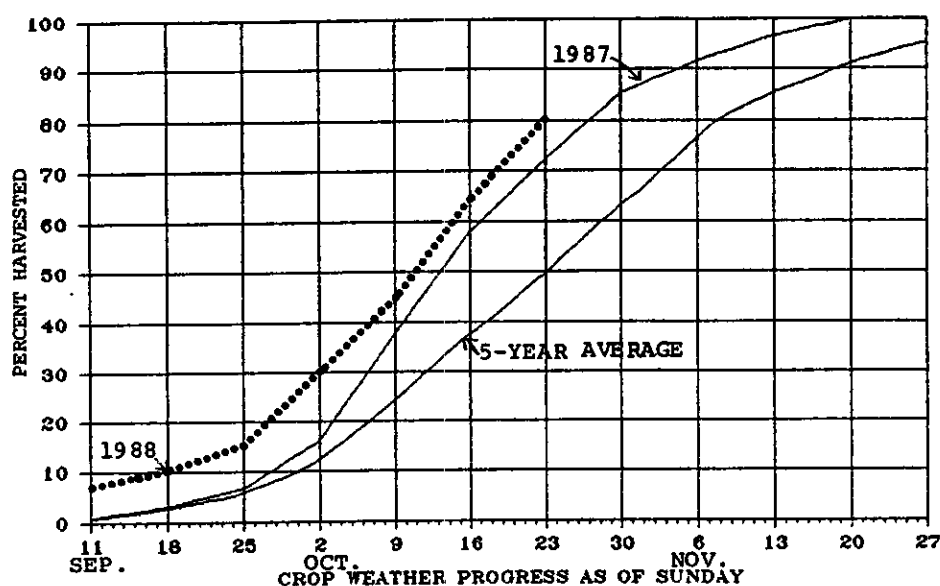
## NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



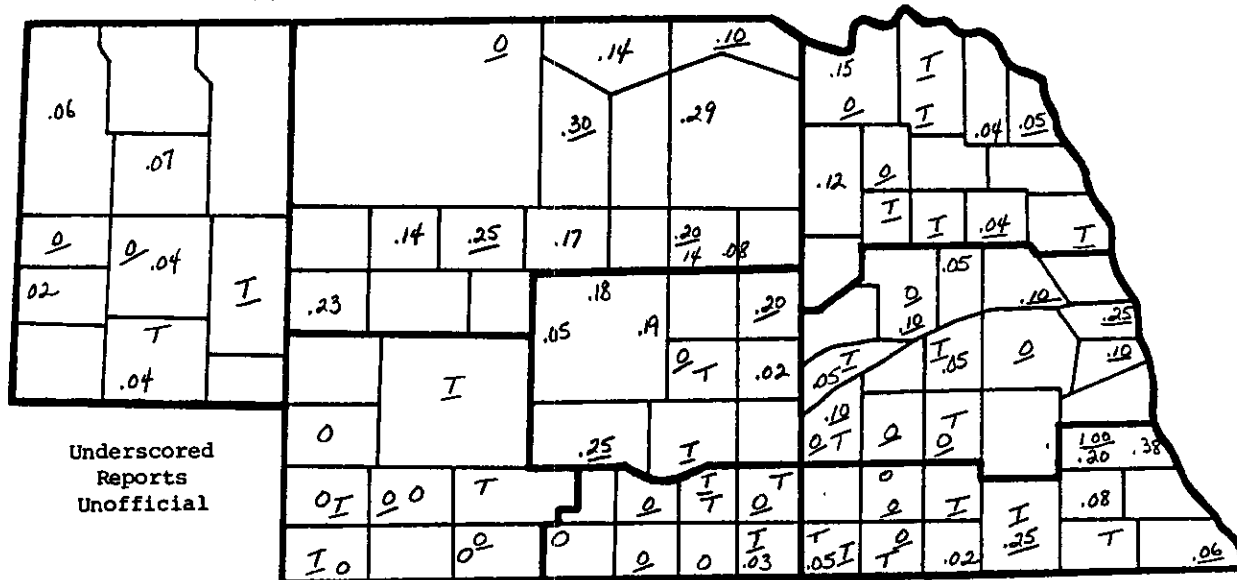
## NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



## NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1988



## TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	72	30	49	--	.24
Scottsbluff	73	26	49	0	.11
Sidney	74	30	50	--	.06
NC Ord	74	30	49	--	0
Valentine	76	27	48	0	.08
NE Norfolk	73	30	48	-2	.03
Sioux City	65	29	47	-4	.07
CEN Grand Island	75	32	50	-2	.01
EC Lincoln	76	35	51	-1	.03
Omaha	68	34	49	-3	.09
SW Imperial	80	32	54	--	T
North Platte	81	30	50	+1	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.